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BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA AND CONGO

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1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL HANDLING EC EMERGENCY AID INFORMS
US THAT THE EC RECENTLY DECIDED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 1.3
MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT (MUA, ABOUT \$1.45 MILLION) OF EMERGENCY
AID TO THE COMOROS ISLANDS. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
EMERGENCY AID TO THE COMOROS TO 2.6 MUA, SEE REF A. THIS ADDI-
TIONAL AID WILL BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS FOR THE CON-
STRUCTION OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS FOR REFUGEES AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION
EQUIPMENT. IN AGREEING TO THIS AID, THE MEMBER STATES INDICATED,
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ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THAT THEY DID NOT FAVOR ANY FURTHER
EMERGENCY AID TO THE COMOROS, PARTICULARLY IF THERE WERE NO
OTHER DONORS TO ASSIST WITH REFUGEE RELIEF ACTIVITIES.

2. THE EC HAS DECIDED TO SEND A TECHNICAL ADVISOR, HESELTIME,
TO THE COMOROS TO SUPERVISE EMERGENCY AID AND AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE EC. HESELTIME WAS PREVIOUSLY THE

GOVERNOR OF RODRIGUES ISLAND. HE WILL WORK UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE EC DELEGATE'S OFFICE IN MAURITIUS.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIALS ADD THAT THE CONGO HAS ASKED FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR REFUGEES WHO HAVE FLED FROM CABINDA WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY ANGOLA. THESE REFUGEES ARE LOCATED AT MALOBO. THE CONGO HAS ASKED FOR 700,000 U.A. TO PURCHASE BEDDING, SUPPLIES AND HOME CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. EC OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE EC WILL PROBABLY PROVIDE 200,000 U.A. TO THE CONGO FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THAT BOTSWANA RECENTLY REQUESTED EMERGENCY AID TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF REFUGEES FROM RHODESIA WHO ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED AT FRANCISTOWN. THE EC WILL PROBABLY PROVIDE LESS THAN 300,000 U.A.

5. ZAMBIA HAS ALSO REQUESTED EMERGENCY AID THIS YEAR OF ABOUT 7.5 MUA TO ASSIST WITH REFUGEES FROM RHODESIA AND ANGOLA. COMMISSION OFFICIALS AT THIS TIME DO NOT KNOW IF THE EC WILL PROVIDE EMERGENCY FUNDS THIS YEAR TO ZAMBIA.

6. AS INDICATED IN REF C, THE LOME CONVENTION PROVIDES FOR EXCEPTIONAL AIDS TO ACP COUNTRIES SUFFERING FROM UNEXPECTED DISASTERS. COMMISSION OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF LOME AID FOR REFUGEE RELIEF. THEY PREFER TO USE THESE FUNDS FOR NATURAL DISASTERS RATHER THAN MAN-MADE SITUATIONS, SUCH AS ASSISTANCE TO AID REFUGEES FROM CIVIL CONFLICTS. HINTON

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